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Bay of Pigs Revisited

Sir: In the discussion of the Bay of Pigs fiasco by Sorensen, Schlesinger and TIME [July 30], the moral issue is ignored. What right has the U.S. to overthrow the government of a sovereign state? We justify our military presence in Viet Nam on the principle that North Viet Nam has no right to interfere with the sovereignty of South Viet Nam. And yet we have ignored this principle in Guatemala, Cuba and the Dominican Republic. How can we ask the world to live by one standard of morality when we insist upon living by two?

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Sir: I am a Cuban exile who was in Guatemala during the preparation for the invasion. The night we got notice of the tragic defeat I could sense what you point out: "It was a chance, perhaps never to return, to dispose of the single Communist regime in the Western Hemisphere." The late President had several really amateur advisers. I don't blame either the Pentagon or the CIA. I blame the naive counselors like Schlesinger for the fateful mistake that has kept my country under Soviet rule.

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